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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| YUKI KATAYAMA, ET AL. | : | Examiner: Amanda P. Wood |
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| Application No.: 10/531,315 | : | Group Art Unit: 1657 |
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| Filed: April 13, 2005 | : | Confirmation No. 6439 |
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| For: METHOD FOR | : | |
| QUANTITATIVELY |) | |
| DETERMINING CHOLESTEROL | : | |
| IN HIGH DENSITY LIPOPROTEIN |) | |
| AND REAGENTS THEREFOR | : | |
| |) | July 12, 2007 |

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Official Action dated June 15, 2007 (Paper No. 20070611) in the above-identified application, as follows.

a.) REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required that Applicants elect for prosecution one of the inventions of:

Group I (Claims 1-5 and 22-26), drawn to a method for quantitatively determining cholesterol in high density lipoprotein in a sample; or

Group II (Claims 6-21 and 27-37), drawn to a reagent and a kit for quantitatively determining cholesterol in high density lipoprotein in a sample.

In response, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, namely Claims 1-5 and 22-26.

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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